## Gen. Weygand of Royal Lineage

Military Genius Directing the Poles Said to Be Son of King Leopold of Belgium.

#### CHIEF AID TO MARSHAL FOCH

Influence of Former Belgian King Raised Weygand From an Obscure Boy to High Position in French Military Circles.

Brussels,-Gen, Maxime Weygand, the military genius who directed the Poles in their spectacular victory over the Russians, and who is now generally credited with a large share of Mar-Foch's achievements in the World war, is a son of the late King Leopold, of Belgium, according to persons who are intimately acquainted with Belgian court circles and the secrets thereof.

Rumors in Paris and Brussels regarding the paternity of the famous soldier were run down today with the following result:

It was former King Leopoid's in-fluence that raised Weygand from an obscure boy of unknown parentage to such a high position in French milltary circles that he was chosen chief of staff to Murshal Foch, commander in chief of the greatest army the world has ever seen.

General Weygand was born in Brus sels in 1866. The names of his father and mother are not contained in the birth records, nor is the place of his birth given. He was first heard of under the care of a rich Brussels manufacturer who was a close friend of the former Belgian king.

Regarded as Orphan.

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Young Weygand was then said to be an orphan. When he was eight years old he was adopted by a French family of the name of Weygand. The head of the family was employed by the Belgian manufacturer. The family was poor, but money was supplied to give the boy an excellent education.

This aroused comment among the neighbors and gave rise to the query: "Who is furnishing the large sums to send the orphan to a high-priced school?"

The adopted boy received the name of his foster parents. Young Weygand, who was brilliant in his studies, showed a preference for military af-fairs. The friends and neighbors of the Weygand family were astonished when the youth entered the famous French military academy at St. Cyr. He was admitted as a foreigner, although he had been adopted by a French family.

Lieutenant Colonel at Twenty-Six, Weygand displayed the same bril- his origin

liance at St. Cyr that marked his earlier educational course. He pussed into the French army after his graduntion. He fose to a lieutenant col-onelcy, receiving his post in 1912, when he was only twenty-six years

At the outbrenk of the World war Lieutenant Colonel Weggand was made chief of staff to Foch. He planned Forl's brilliant stroke when that general was commanding an army corps at the first battle of the Marne. Lieutenant Colonel Weygand was promoted to a major general in Au-

gust, 1916, and became France's representative on the supreme war coun-cil. Later he was president of the inter-allied military committee at Ver-

General Weygand was the constant companion of Marshal Foch, who described him as "a man with a head

and soul—the kind you can rely on,"
All blographies of General Weygand
and also his most intimate friends are extremely reticent on the subject of

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## Improves Ellis Island Welcome

**United States Government Makes** Sweeping Changes at the Gateway to America.

#### HARSH ATTENDANTS LET OUT

Freedom and Sunshine Being Planned for New Arrivals-Kind and Decent Treatment Are Now Demanded for Immigrants.

New York,-Sweeping changes are being made at America's gateway-Ellis island-by Immigration Commissioner Frederick A. Wallis, who proposes to make the big immigration station more comfortable for the newcomers to the United States.

Freedom and sunshine are being planned for the new arrivals by the commissioner, who has just announced

New Span for Washington Bridge

An interesting engineering operation in connection with the construction

of the Key bridge, at Georgetown on the Potomac, which connects the state

of Virginia with Washington, was the placing of this huge 200-ton span. It

their high-soaring cargo were towed between the central plers of the bridge.

plans for improving conditions in gen-

Larger buildings are to be asked for, he says, sanitary conditions are to be improved, additional cots provided for those unable to get beds and many other conveniences for the immigrant are to be installed.

#### Harsh Attendants Discharged.

Kind and decent treatment for all new arrivals has been demanded by Commissioner Wallis, who has already announced the discharge of some of the veteran attendants for alleged harshness or inefficiency in receiving immigrants. Their places have been filled by more courteous, attentive and younger men.

"I propose to make this receiving station representative of all America promises," he said.

One of the latest improvements by Commissioner Wallis has been the supplying of warm milk to mothers

#### Wants Radicals Removed.

Commissioner Wallis has appealed to Washington to remove the alleged radicals and anarchists detained at the island for deportation, because of crowded conditions at the immigration station.

"They are a defiant lot and should be deported," he explained. "They occupy a room that could accommodate a couple of hundred immigrants."

Railroads bave also been asked by the commissioner to provide better transportation facilities for the immiand stop employees from 'grafting" from the newcomers. He also wants them to be properly fed while being detained for entrainment

While funds are not immediately available for improvements at the island. Commissioner Wallis states be will ask congress to raise funds by public subscription, if the necessary money cannot be provided by the govgrament.

#### Small Boy Rescues Baby Girl.

Coal City, ind .- A small boy who was let down into a well on a rope at the home of J. W. Free, rescued the one-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Morris of Hymera from drowning. The child fell into the well when she stepped on a movable cover in the platform. A bruise on one arm, caused by striking a bucket which was hanging in the well, was the only inwas built over a timber frame erected over three scows lashed together and jury suffered by the baby. Mr. and anchored near the Virginia shore. When the tide was at flood, the scows and Mrs. Morris were visiting at the Free

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